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Keshav Bhardwaj is a research and policy professional currently serving as a Research Associate at the Indian Institute of Management Bangalore's Center for Digital Public Goods. His current work focuses on Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) and Digital Public Goods (DPG), including research, real-world implementation, and problem solving. Previously, he served as a Young Professional in the Office of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India, where his work included developing publications and visual materials for the Supreme Audit Institution of India; researching domestic and international legal and policy frameworks; developing IT tools to streamline internal communication and workflows; drafting official correspondence for high-level dignitaries; coordinating bilateral and multilateral meetings and events; and contributing to editorial work for an international journal. His academic background is in Political Science and International Relations, with additional exposure to public administration, sociology, psychology, economics, security studies, terrorism and counter-terrorism, intelligence analysis, strategic affairs, nuclear policy, disarmament, and Middle Eastern studies.

WORK EXPERIENCE

May 2026 – Present

Research Associate

Indian Institute of Management Bangalore (IIMB)

Center for Digital Public Goods (CDPG)

Bengaluru, India

Research Associate at the Center for Digital Public Goods, working on Digital Public Infrastructure and Digital Public Goods research, real-world implementation, and problem solving.

- Conducting research related to Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI).
- Working on real-world implementation and problem solving related to DPI and DPG.

Aug 2024 – Apr 2026

Young Professional

Office of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India

International Relations Division

New Delhi, India

Worked in the Office of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India on publications, research and policy analysis, digital and IT-enabled workflows, official communications, international engagements, and editorial activities.

- Development of publications and visual materials for the Supreme Audit Institution of India.
- Conducted research on domestic and international legal and policy frameworks.
- Built IT tools to streamline internal communication and workflows.
- Drafted official correspondence for high-level dignitaries.
- Coordinated bilateral and multilateral meetings and events.
- Contributed to editorial work for an international journal.

Nov 2020 – Feb 2021

Research Intern

Asian Institute of Diplomacy & International Affairs

Kathmandu, Nepal

Research and administrative activities at the Asian Institute of Diplomacy & International Affairs.

- Conducted research-related activities.
- Supported administrative activities.

Dec 2019 – Jan 2020	Intern MyGov New Delhi, India Worked on activities relating to research, outreach, analytics, and key flagship projects. - Supported research activities. - Contributed to outreach activities. - Worked on analytics-related activities. - Supported key flagship projects.
Aug 2019 – Oct 2019	Market Research Associate Intern MarkGenes Business Consulting Pvt Ltd Hyderabad, India Worked on global market research. Conducted global market research.
Dec 2016 – Aug 2017	Co-founder & Editor WeReform News Kota, India Co-founded and edited a news and media startup in two stints totaling approximately eight months. - Co-founded a news and media startup. - Served as editor. - Worked on news and media content.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

2021 – 2023	Master of Arts Banaras Hindu University International Relations
2018 – 2021	Bachelor of Arts Honours Banaras Hindu University Political Science Honours
Jun 2020 – Jul 2020	Beginner's Hebrew University of Haifa
2016 – 2018	All India Senior School Certificate Examination (12th) Central Board of Secondary Education
2014 – 2016	All India Secondary School Examination (10th) Central Board of Secondary Education
2021 – 2023	Master of Arts School of National Security Studies, Central University of Gujarat

PERSONAL PROFILE / RESEARCH INTERESTS

Digital Public Infrastructure, Digital Public Goods, Public policy and governance, International relations, Strategic affairs, Security studies, Public administration, Public policy and law, Technology and governance, Terrorism and counter-terrorism, Intelligence and OSINT analysis, Nuclear policy and disarmament, South Asian security

PUBLICATIONS AND SELECTED WORKS

2024	Introduction to Indian Nuclear History & Policy Basic Concepts of India's Foreign Policy Link
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DIGITAL COMPETENCE / SKILLS

Research And Analysis: Policy research, Legal and policy framework research, International relations analysis, Strategic analysis, Security analysis, Market research, Open-source intelligence (OSINT) analysis, Intelligence analysis, Research and

analytical writing

Policy And Governance: Public policy research, Domestic legal and policy frameworks, International legal and policy frameworks, Governance, Public-sector institutions, Digital governance

Technology And Digital: Digital Public Infrastructure, Digital Public Goods, IT-enabled workflow development, Internal communication tools, Analytics

Programming: Python 3

Software And Tools: Google Suite, Microsoft Office, Adobe Photoshop, WordPress, Open Source Intelligence (OSINT) Analysis, Search Engine Optimisation

Communication And Editorial: Publication development, Visual material development, Editorial work, Official correspondence, Bilateral and multilateral event coordination, Internal communication

LANGUAGES

Hindi — Mother Tongue

English — Fluent

Hebrew — Beginner

Bihari Languages — Native

Gurmukhi (Punjabi) — Intermediate

Urdu — Beginner